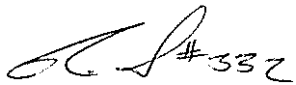




Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
**MEMORANDUM**

To: Director Wayne Rosenthal

From: Director Rafael Gutierrez, OLE 

Date: July 21, 2015

Subject: Conditions on the Kankakee River in Kankakee, Grundy and Will Counties.

Conservation Police District 3 Supervisor Sergeant Mark Simon reports the conditions which prompted the Restricted Boating Area designation on the Kankakee River are no longer as significant. Kankakee County Sheriff Deputy Chief McCabe, Grundy County Sheriff Chief Deputy Meece and Will County EMA Vice Chairman Harold Damron concur with the assessment.

The Kankakee River level at Wilmington, Illinois is 4.1 ft with a flow of 14.7 kcfs at 7:45 a.m.


The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has authorization to lift Restricted Boating Areas designation when navigation is no longer significantly dangerous.

Section 2030.80 Hazardous Navigation Conditions - Designated Restricted Boating Areas

In the event that the Department of Natural Resources determines the presence of conditions that make navigation of a body of water significantly dangerous to the public, the Director of the **Department of Natural Resources may, in coordination with the federal government, designate** Restricted Boating Areas on any affected body of water within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois. This designation shall be made by public announcement in local media and by posting at local public boat launches and marinas, and the restricted area shall be physically marked by buoys, signs, manned watercraft or yellow police tape. This designation will remain in effect until the Director of the Department of Natural Resources determines that navigation is no longer significantly dangerous to the public, but in no case shall the designation remain in effect longer than 90 days. Rescission of the Restricted Boating Area designation shall be publicly announced in local media and posted at local public boat launches and marinas and any markings shall be removed.

(Source: Added at 29 Ill. Reg. 15550, effective September 27, 2005)

I recommend that Restricted Boating Area designation be lifted for the Kankakee River in Kankakee, Grundy and Will Counties effective at 7:45 a.m. on July 21, 2015. If you approve, please sign below and the Conservation Police will coordinate the lifting of Restricted Boating Area designation with the local authorities.

 7/21/15  
Approved By Director Wayne Rosenthal Date